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REMARKS**Status of claims**

Claims 1-17 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-9 have been withdrawn. Claims 10-17 are rejected. In this response, claim 10 is now twice amended, and claim 17 is rejected. Support for the present amendment of claim 10 is present on page 12, lines 11-23.

Response to Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 10-17 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claims are stated to contain subject matter that was not described in the specification. Applicant has removed the limitations that were added by previous amendment. Accordingly, reconsideration of the rejection is requested.

The Examiner has rejected claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claim 17 is now canceled. Consequently, the rejection is now moot.

The Examiner has rejected claims 10-16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki (GB 2,091,274) in view of Plachetta et al. (EP 0831116) as evidenced by Epstein et al. (US 4,410,661). Applicant requests reconsideration of the rejections.

As amended, Applicant's claim is now directed to a process wherein the semicrystalline or amorphous thermoplastic non-polyacetal resin portion of the molten blend requires (i) a blend of polyamides, which are recited as first and second polyamides. Further each polyamide has the further limitation of a melt viscosity at 200°C of less than 50,000 poise measured at a shear stress of 105 dynes/cm²; and each polyamide must have a melting point of less than about 180°C. Given the claim limitations added by the present amendment, reconsideration of the rejection is requested.

The Examiner has also rejected claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki and Plachetta as applied above, and further in view of the Encyclopedia of Polymer Science and Technology (Plastics by Palmer). Claim 17 is now canceled. Consequently, the rejection is now moot.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, continued examination of the present application and allowance of all pending claims is hereby requested. If anything further is needed to advance the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's current attorney of record using the contact information provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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